

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 65-15 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/65-15)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 65-15. Expiration of APN license; renewal.

9 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each  
10 advanced practice nurse license issued under this Act shall be  
11 set by rule. The holder of a license may renew the license  
12 during the month preceding the expiration date of the license  
13 by paying the required fee. It is the responsibility of the  
14 licensee to notify the Department in writing of a change of  
15 address.

16 (b) On and after May 30, 2020, except as provided in  
17 subsections (c) and (d) of this Section, each ~~Each~~ advanced  
18 practice nurse is required to show proof of continued, current  
19 national certification in the specialty.

20 (c) An advanced practice nurse who does not meet the  
21 educational requirements necessary to obtain national  
22 certification but has continuously held an unencumbered  
23 license under this Act since 2001 shall not be required to show

1 proof of national certification in the specialty to renew his  
2 or her advanced practice nurse license.

3 (d) The Department may renew the license of an advanced  
4 practice nurse who applies for renewal of his or her license on  
5 or before May 30, 2016 and is unable to provide proof of  
6 continued, current national certification in the specialty but  
7 complies with all other renewal requirements.

8 (e) Any advanced practice nurse license renewed on and  
9 after May 31, 2016 based on the changes made to this Section by  
10 this amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly shall be  
11 retroactive to the expiration date.

12 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.